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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA SEIZED ON COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO US DELEGATE TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BRADY TYSON REGARDING ALLEGED US INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE'S ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

2. ON MARCH 9 "OTECHESTVEN FRONT" CARRIED (P.3) EM. ALADZHEMOV STORY, HEADED "TYSON'S CONFESSIONS".THE FATHERLAND FRONT ORGAN CALLED THIS A "SCANDAL" AND "DISGUSTING DOUBLE DEALING." THE DAILY CONTINUED: "TYSON WENT TO GENEVA 'TO INTERPRET IN AMERICAN WAY' WASHINGTON'S VERSION OF 'PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS'. BUT AT SAME TIME HE ALSO TOLD UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION THAT US WAS INVOLVED IN UNDERMININGCHILEANGOVERNMENT OF SALVADOR ALLENDE WHICH WAS DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED."

3. ALADZHEMOV SAID THESE "CONFESSIONS AND REGRETS CONCERNED SOME INFLUENTIAL BUT UNEASY CONSCIENCES IN WASHINGTON." AFTER CITING DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, THE REPORTER SAID "" VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTSIN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE FABRICATED WHILE IN CASES WHERE THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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REALLY EXIST (CHILE IS NOT THE ONLY CASE*) WITH ACTIVE US AID, STATE DEPARTMENT FINDS IT NECESSARY TO WASH ITS HANDS." HE CONCLUDED: "THE TYSON SCANDAL IS A SCANDAL OF AN IMMORAL CAMPAIGN. ITS ONLY MERIT IS THAT IT SENDS THE REAL DEFENDENT TO THE DOCK."

4. ON MARCH 10 "OTECHESTVEN FRONT" CARRIED "OWN

INFORMATION" STORY (P.1), DATELINED GENEVA, HEAD-
LINED "THE JUNTA - IN THE DOCK" WHICH CITED UN
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RESOLUTION ON CHILE. THE
DAILY NOTED US VOTED "FOR" THE RESOLUTION BUT
QUESTIONED INTENTION IN VIEW OF TYSON'S "RECALL BY
WASHINGTON 'FOR INSTRUCTIONS' AFTER HIS STATEMENT
ON ROLE PLAYED BY US IN COUP D'ETAT IN CHILE."

5. ON MARCH 11 PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO"
CARRIED (P.1) SHORT BTA NEWS ITEM, DATELINED NEW YORK,
HEADED "LET HIM LEARN": "US STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED
THAT IT HAS RECALLED 'FORCONSULTATIONS'US REPRESENTA-
TIVE B. TYSON OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. AS
STATED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TYSON
WAS RECALLED SO THAT HE MAY LEARN TO UNDERSTAND 'THE
MAJOR RULES' OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. AS IT IS KNOWN
TYSON CONFESSED (PRIZNA) US PARTICIPATION IN CHILE AT
SESSION OF COMMISSION IN GENEVA."
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